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SUBJECT: CABINDA REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED DISTURBING REPORTS INDICATING THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND CABINDANS HAVE RECENTLY FLED FROM CABINDA INTO ZAIRE AND ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO SURVIVE IN VILLAGES AND REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS ADJACENT TO THE CABINDAN-ANGOLAN BORDER. THE REPORTS INDICATED THE CABINDANS WERE FLEEING FROM THE CUBAN TROOPS IN CABINDA AND HAVE BROUGHT OUT STORIES OF CUBAN ATROCITIES AGAINST THE CABINDA PEOPLE.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY THE SIZE OF THE CABINDAN EXODUS OR THE VERACITY OF THE STORIES. WE WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER ON AN URGENT BASIS AND TO PROVIDE US WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN KINSHASA. IF THE STORIES SEEM PLAUSIBLE WE WOULD HOPE THE EMBASSY COULD SEND AN OFFICER TO THE SCENE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LOOK INTO THE GENERAL SITUATION OF CABINDA REFUGEES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES, THEIR LOCATION, CONDITION, WHAT AID IS BEING
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PROVIDED, AND BY WHOM. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY EYE-

WITNESS REPORTS THE EMBASSY CAN RELAY RELATING TO
VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE CABINDA PEOPLE. KISSINGER

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